

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A tool comprising:

a housing;

a motor within the housing adapted to actuate an output member of the tool; and

a gripping portion adapted to be engaged by a hand of a user of the tool and comprising:

at least one blister pack comprising respective first and second flexible sheets defining at least one gel-containing chamber therebetween, wherein said at least one gel-containing chamber contains a vibration damping gel material and said first and second sheets are sealed to each other at the periphery of the at least one said gel containing chamber; and

at least one clamping member for clamping at least one said blister pack to said housing and having at least one aperture therethrough such that at least one said gel-containing chamber protrudes in use through a respective said aperture and substantially none of said vibration damping gel is located in use between said clamping member and the housing.

13. (Original) A tool according to claim 12, wherein said gripping portion has an outer surface including at least one material of higher coefficient of friction than the material of the housing of the tool.

14. (Original) A power tool comprising a housing having a handle and a motor to actuate an output member of the tool, said handle comprising a gripping portion and a chamber enclosing a gel material extending outwardly from said gripping portion, wherein, said chamber is disposed relative to the gripping portion such that both the gripping portion and the chamber are simultaneously gripped during operation of the tool.

15. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 14, said gripping portion comprising a material which is relatively hard as compared to said gel material.

16. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 14, said handle further comprising a cover piece made of a material which is relatively hard as compared to said gel material, said cover piece including an aperture through which said chamber protrudes, said cover piece forming at least a part of said gripping portion of said handle at the location of said cover piece.

17. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 16, said chamber formed as a blister pack assembly including said gel material enclosed between upper and lower layers of flexible film, said blister pack assembly retained on said handle by said cover piece.

18. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 17, said handle defining a recess, said blister pack assembly disposed in said recess.

19. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 17 further comprising a flexible sheet, said flexible sheet disposed between said blister pack and said cover piece and having a protrusion extending through said aperture and accommodating said chamber.

20. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 16 including a second said chamber enclosing a gel material, said two chambers of gel material discrete from each other, said cover piece having two apertures, each said chamber protruding through one of said apertures.

21. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 16, said chamber and said cover piece each having a curved outer surface.

22. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 16, said handle gripping portion including a region which does not include said cover piece, said region being curved, said cover piece having a curved outer surface which substantially merges into said curved region.

23. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 14, said chamber formed as a blister pack assembly including said gel material enclosed between upper and lower layers of flexible film.

24. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 23, said chamber and said handle gripping portion each having a curved outer surface.

25. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 14, said tool comprising a drill and said handle comprising a drill handle, said gripping portion comprising opposite side surfaces of said drill handle, said chamber comprising two said chambers discrete from each other, one said chamber extending outwardly from each said side surface.

26-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Original) A power tool comprising:

- a housing having a handle;
- a motor to actuate an output member of the tool;
- a chamber enclosing a gel material disposed on said handle;
- and a cover piece made of a material which is relatively hard as compared to said gel material, said cover piece disposed on said handle and including an aperture through which said chamber protrudes.

34. (Original) The power tool recited in claim 33, wherein said chamber is formed in a respective blister pack.

35. (Original) A power drill comprising:

- a main body;
- a handle having opposite side surfaces each defining a gripping region;

two chambers encapsulating a gel material, one said chamber protruding outwardly from said gripping region of each said opposite side surface, said chambers discrete from each other.

36. (Original) The drill recited in claim 35 comprising four said chambers encapsulating a gel material, two of said chambers disposed to protrude from each said gripping region, each of said chambers discrete from each other.

37. (Original) The drill recited in claim 35, said drill further comprising two cover pieces having an aperture therethrough, one said cover piece disposed on each said opposite side surface and defining at least a portion of the gripping region of the handle at the locations of said cover pieces, each said chamber protruding through one said aperture.

38.-42 (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Presented) A power tool comprising:

a housing having a handle;

a motor to actuate an output member of the power tool; wherein, said handle comprises a gel material and a region of material which is relatively hard as compared to said gel material, said region disposed about said gel material such that said region defines the outer surface of said handle at the location of said region and said gel material protrudes outwardly through an aperture formed in said region.

44. (Previously Presented) The power tool recited in claim 43, said handle comprising a base, said region comprising a cover piece disposed on said base and retaining said gel material on said base, said aperture formed in said cover piece.

45. (Previously Presented) The power tool recited in claim 43, said gel material enclosed in a chamber formed between upper and lower layers of flexible film.